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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/659,243	Applicant(s) LEE ET AL.	
	Examiner Manish S. Shah	Art Unit 2853	

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18-22 is/are pending in the application.  
     4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
     a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 18 & 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yang et al. (# US 6123757).

Yang et al. discloses a method of releasing odor from a printed image including providing a substrate having a printed thereon an image including a fragrant ink, which includes water, colorant, ethanol and fragrant agent (odor releasing component) (see Abstract; Examples); providing an energy source (see Examples); and completing a circuit between the odor releasing ink and the energy source, thereby releasing an odor (curing) (see Examples; column: 6, line: 35-60), and when ink dried, it releases the odor because of the evaporations of chemicals.

2. Claims 18-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Marshall et al. (# US 5275646).

Marshall et al. discloses a method of releasing odor from a printed image including providing a substrate having a printed thereon an image including a polymerisable monomer and conductive component (odor releasing component) (see

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Abstract); providing an energy source (UV light source) (column: 5, line: 1-15); and completing a circuit between the odor releasing ink and the energy source, thereby releasing an odor (curing) (see Examples), and when ink dried, it releases the odor because of the evaporations of chemicals.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 18-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Moreland (# US 6261347).

Moreland discloses a scented inkjet ink including a coloring agent (electro-thermal material), water and fragrant oils (odor-releasing additive). The fragrant oil is vaporized during the printing with an inkjet printer (heating) (see Abstract; column: 2, line: 57-59, column: 3, line: 5-55; column: 4, line: 57-65; column: 5, line: 4-6; see Examples).

### ***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

(1) Zhu (# US 5755860) discloses a printed image providing a substrate having printed thereon an image including an invisible ink, wherein ink composition including a

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conductive material (column: 9, line: 24-60), odor releasing solvent (ethanol) (see Examples); providing energy source (see Example: 7); and completing a circuit between the conductive material including ink and the energy source (see Examples).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Manish S. Shah whose telephone number is (571) 272-2152. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen D. Meier can be reached on (571) 272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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